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(North Dakota) Pump failure at oil storage facility in ND causes 32,000 gallons to leak. The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division announced that Hess Bakken Investments II LLC reported a 32,340-gallon oil spill at a tank battery in Mountrail County following a pump failure June 14. The company stated that the spill was contained and recovered on site. <http://www.inforum.com/news/4055178-pump-failure-oil-storage-facility-nd-causes-32000-gallons-leak>

(North Dakota) Lime Byproduct Leaked into River by Bismarck Water Treatment Plant. About 50,000 gallons of a lime byproduct spilled from the Bismarck Water Treatment Plant into the Missouri River Saturday morning. The substance is called lime slurry, a combination of grit and excess lime removed in the drinking water treatment process. <http://www.kxnet.com/story/32218627/lime-byproduct-leaked-into-river-by-bismarck-water-treatment-plant>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Regulators OK coal plant retirements in northern Minnesota. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approved Minnesota Power's plan June 7 to retire two older coal units at the Clay Boswell plant in Cohasset by 2022, and its plan to stop burning coal permanently by 2020 at the Taconite Harbor plant in Schroeder. The company stated that it will invest more in wind, solar, and natural gas. http://www.gillette newsrecord.com/ap/business/article_f6ecf55e-3e44-5c28-989e-1ec7c3dc6f49.html

(Minnesota) Train derailment spills corn in southwest Minnesota. Crews worked June 11 to clear the wreckage from a northbound BSNF train traveling to Willmar after the train derailed and spilled 23 cars of corn in Cottonwood, Minnesota, June 10. Officials were investigating the cause of the derailment. <http://kstp.com/news/cottonwood-train-derailment/4165551/>

NATIONAL

(National) DHS Bulletin Warns Of Attacks From "Homegrown" Terrorists.

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In the wake of the Orlando nightclub shooting, the Administration has issued a terrorism bulletin “warning about attacks from ‘homegrown’ radicals,” The Hill reported. The notice notes that DHS “does not have any ‘specific and credible’ intelligence pointing to a terrorist attack inside the US,” but warns that “the reality is terrorist-inspired individuals have conducted, or attempted to conduct, attacks in the United States.” <http://thehill.com/policy/national-security/283632-dhs-issues-new-terror-warning-on-heels-of-orlando-shooting>

(National) Feds announce \$82 million for nuclear energy research. A U.S. Department of Energy official reported June 14 that the Federal government will give \$82 million to 28 States for nuclear energy projects in an effort to help reduce carbon emission and fund 93 research studies. The project will assist scientist innovate using nuclear technologies that could eventually help the commercial sector. <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/feds-announce-82-million-nuclear-energy-research-39860404>

(National) ICE Arrests 331 In Several States. The AP reports, “Federal authorities have arrested nearly three dozen people in Wisconsin as part of a multi-state sweep targeting immigrants living illegally in the U.S. previously convicted of crimes and other immigration violators.” An ICE statement is cited saying the operation began May 9, and concluded on Monday. 331 people were arrested in total, 39 in Wisconsin. <http://www.chron.com/news/crime/article/Feds-arrest-39-as-part-of-multi-state-immigration-8297283.php>

(National) FBI Data Shows Increase In Active Shooting Incidents. The Boston Globe reports the FBI released data that shows that active shooter incidents have increased in frequency since 2000. “In 2015, there were 20 such incidents, which the FBI defines as a single incident involving one or more people ‘actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area,’” <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2016/06/16/the-number-active-shooters-rise-new-fbi-report-says/KxsoUUucp5B82cDARuF8xJ/story.html>

(National) House Expected To Vote On Amendment Limited NSA Surveillance Ability. Bloomberg reports that an internal GOP fight is “emerging” over an “anti-surveillance amendment” passed each of the past two years, but which “foes say must be defeated this year in light of the Orlando shootings.” The measure “would effectively prohibit the National Security Agency and other intelligence

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agencies from searching data collected incidentally on American citizens during surveillance of non-U.S. citizens outside of the country.”

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-06-15/house-to-vote-on-limiting-nsa-surveillance-in-wake-of-orlando>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) CIA Chief: IS working to send operatives to the West. CIA Director John Brennan will tell Congress on Thursday that Islamic State militants are training and attempting to deploy operatives for further attacks on the West and will rely more on guerrilla-style tactics to compensate for their territorial losses. <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/national-politics/article84049057.html>

(International) 70,000 hacked servers for sale on xDedic underground market. Security researchers from Kaspersky Lab investigated the xDedic marketplace, a global forum where cybercriminals can buy and sell access to compromised servers, and found that 70,624 hacked remote desktop protocol (RDP) servers used to host or provide access to popular consumer Web sites were for sale. The illegal data can be used to target government entities, corporations, and universities without the institute’s knowledge. <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/06/15/xdedic-underground-market/>

(International) Pro-ISIS hacker pleads guilty to stealing U.S. military data. The U.S. Department of Justice reported June 15 that a former leader of the hacking group, Kosova Hacker’s Security pleaded guilty to stealing data on more than 1,300 U.S. military and government personnel while providing the information to the Islamic State. The FBI investigated the hacked server and found the same Internet Protocol (IP) address the man used to carry out the attacks was the same IP address used for his personal Facebook and Twitter accounts. http://www.computerworld.com/article/3085209/security/pro-isis-hacker-pleads-guilty-to-stealing-us-military-data.html#tk.rss_security

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BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(International) 24 charged in ‘intricate’ international bank fraud ring. Twenty-four people were charged June 14 for their roles in an international bank fraud ring where the group stole \$1 million from banks and corporations by creating phony companies to defraud individuals and companies into wiring over \$8 million to the group’s fraudulent corporate bank accounts. Authorities stated that the indictments were part of an ongoing investigation that was initiated following a routine traffic stop.

http://www.nj.com/middlesex/index.ssf/2016/06/24_charged_in_intricate_inter-national_bank_fraud_r.html

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Florida) Disney gator attack: 2-year-old believed dead as rescue turns to recovery. Disney officials reported that all its resort beaches were closed out of an abundance of caution June 15 after an alligator attacked and dragged a boy into a lagoon outside the Grand Floridian hotel June 14. Authorities were searching to find the missing boy. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/06/15/us/alligator-attacks-child-disney-florida/index.html>

(International) FBI Warns Of Growing Trend Of Corporate CEO Email Scams. The San Francisco Business Times reported the FBI issued an alert warning that hackers are increasingly using scams where they “send bogus internal emails posing as executives who need money immediately.” The Times added that the FBI’s alert said the scam has “grown by a staggering 1,300 percent since January 2015, to roughly \$3.1 billion worldwide.”

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/blog/2016/06/corporate-email-impersonation-hacks-fbi.html>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(Missouri) AT&T restored Friday Morning. AT&T customers in four Missouri cities experienced outages June 16 including firefighters and police officers forcing them to use map books to find locations.

<http://www.wnem.com/story/32238092/att-outage-reported-in-parts-of-missouri>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Nothing Significant to Report

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(National) Some Cities Creating Safe Trade Zones To Protect Online Buyers.

Business Insider reports some cities are creating safe trade zones in response to the nearly 100 murders since 2007 “related to deals via Craigslist.” The zones, set up by the police departments, are in “highly secure, camera-equipped parking lots,” in order to make buyers feel more comfortable.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/safe-trade-zones-end-shady-craigslist-meetups-2016-6>

(Nebraska) Nebraska prison escapee found in storm drain; 2nd man still on the run. Police found one of two inmates who escaped from the Lincoln Correctional Center in Nebraska June 10 in a storm drain in Lincoln June 11. The second inmate remains on the run. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/06/12/us/nebraska-dangerous-prison-escapees/index.html>

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(New Hampshire) Three released from hospital after Salem PD chemical scare.

The Salem Police Department's station on Veterans Memorial Parkway was evacuated for nearly 2 hours June 10 when two toxic drain cleaners were used to unclog a sink, causing a potentially dangerous respiratory irritant to release into the air. Three members of the department were treated at a local hospital.

http://www.eagletribune.com/news/new_hampshire/update-three-released-from-hospital-after-salem-pd-chemical-scare/article_3b5786a7-79d5-5ed1-aa69-649b4a525432.html

(National) Law Enforcement Struggles To Keep Drugs Out of Jail.

ABC News reports the opioid crisis "is bringing new challenges" to law enforcement trying to keep drugs out of jail cells "as visitors and inmates continually find ways to smuggle them in." Some solutions include full-body scanners, drug-sniffing dogs, requiring prison inmates to open mail in front of employees and throw out envelopes, and providing treatment programs to help inmates beat their addictions. <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/keeping-drugs-jails-prisons-find-steep-challenge-39970936>

ENERGY

(New York) Governor announces \$12 million for downstate gas station resiliency and storm hardening. The governor of New York announced June 13 the \$12 million Permanent Generator Initiative, which is a plan to install permanent emergency generators at downstate retail gas stations to ensure back-up power capacity following major storms and emergencies. The funding will help advance the governor's Fuel NY initiative to ensure that strategically-located gas stations are operational during power disruptions.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-12-million-downstate-gas-station-resiliency-and-storm-hardening>

(North Dakota) 9,000 gallons of produced water spill in Renville County. The North Dakota Department of Health reported June 16 that nearly 9,000 gallons of produced water spilled from a Zargon Oil Inc.-operated site near Mohall June 14. The spill was contained and the company believes that the spill occurred due to a valve or pipe connection leak.

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http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/gallons-of-produced-water-spill-in-renville-county/article_2c626bc0-a69c-5514-93e5-70b48ab00d6a.html

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) Kellogg Company voluntarily recalls certain snacks for potential undeclared peanut residue due to flour supplier recall. Kellogg Company issued a voluntary recall June 13 for select lots of its Mother's, Keebler, Kellogg's, Special K brownies, Murray, and Famous Amos brand products sold in 23 variations due to mislabeling and undeclared peanut residue after the company's flour supplier, Grain Craft, recalled the wheat flour it provided the firm due to low levels of undeclared peanut residue. No illnesses have been reported and the products were distributed nationwide and in Puerto Rico.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm506487.htm>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Montana) Fire destroys University Villages apartment complex; students evacuated. Dozens of University of Montana students and their families were displaced June 11 due to a fire at the University Villages apartment complex in Missoula that destroyed three apartments. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. http://missoulain.com/news/local/fire-destroys-university-villages-apartment-complex-students-evacuated/article_8de736f7-c222-5e30-b24a-c3506e88ad07.html

(California) Courthouse data breach exposes personal information. A court executive officer at the Sutter County Superior Courthouse in California reported June 13 that the courthouse shut down a new case management system after the private personal information of an unknown amount of people became available on public access computers for about 6 hours. The system will remain shut down until security settings are tested. http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/courthouse-data-breach-exposes-personal-information/article_80a08626-31fa-11e6-b227-c75f0f72438a.html

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(Washington) Tests show elevated lead levels in 2 Ridgefield schools. District officials announced June 15 that bottled water was being provided and drinking from all faucets at the schools was prohibited until further notice after tests showed elevated lead levels in drinking water at Ridgefield High School and View Ridge Middle School in Washington. <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Tests-show-elevated-lead-levels-in-2-Ridgefield-8214235.php>

(International) US Air Force loses 100,000 investigation records because of database error. A spokeswoman from the U.S. Air Force reported that a database, servicing the Automated Case Tracking System (ACTS), had crashed and lost over 100,000 records containing official investigations, complaints, appeals, and other data, as well as the database's backup system. Officials were looking to bring in third-party companies to help recover the data and were looking for ACTS backup machines stored offsite. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/us-air-force-loses-100-000-investigation-records-because-of-database-error-505288.shtml>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Adobe patches flash zero-day exploited by APT Group. Adobe released Flash Player 22.0.0.192 which addressed 36 flaws that could be exploited for arbitrary code execution and information disclosure after a new advanced persistent threat (APT) group dubbed, "ScarCruft" was using the flaws to disseminate its "Operation DayBreak" campaign to target high-profile targets. In addition, researchers discovered that attackers were using a method to bypass modern anti-malware products by decrypting and executing a shellcode that downloads and runs a Dynamic Link Library (DLL) file. <http://www.securityweek.com/adobe-patches-flash-zero-day-exploited-apt-group>

(International) Hackers find clever way to bypass Google's two-factor authentication. A security researcher from Clearbit.com reported that a Google two-factor authentication, or 2FA, attack was active after discovering attackers were disguising themselves as Google notifications in order to trick victims into sending the 6-digit verification code associated with each email account.

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<http://news.softpedia.com/news/hackers-find-clever-way-to-bypass-google-s-two-factor-authentication-505138.shtml>

(International) Facebook activates Safety Check after Orlando massacre, its first use in US. Facebook activated its Safety Check tool which aimed to inform family and friends of the status of people near an affected area following the June 12 shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. The tool was utilized for the first time in the U.S. after it was activated during the 2015 Paris shooting.

<http://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-activates-safety-check-after-orlando-massacre/#ftag=CAD590a51e>

(International) Ransomware targets Android smart TVs. Security researchers found that Sharp and Philip brand smart TVs running the Android TV operating system (OS) were susceptible to the FLocker ransomware which disguises itself as U.S. Cyber Police, accuses the victims of crimes they did not commit, and demands \$200 worth of iTunes gift cards via spam Short Message Service (SMS) or malicious links. Researchers advised affected users to contact the device vendor and enable the Android Debugging Bridge (ADB) tool.

<https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/06/13/ransomware-android-smart-tvs/>

PUBLIC HEALTH

Nothing Significant to Report

TRANSPORTATION

(Nebraska) Train derailment near downtown Lincoln. BNSF officials were investigating a fifteen-train derailment in Lincoln, Nebraska that caused a 5-hour blockage June 14. No injuries were reported.

<http://www.1011now.com/content/news/Train-derailment-near-downtown-Lincoln-382958241.html>

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WATER AND DAMS

(Colorado) Drinking water in three Colorado cities contaminated with toxic chemicals above EPA limits. Officials announced June 15 that 32 municipal wells owned by the Security Water and Sanitation District are contaminated with invisible toxic Perfluorinated chemicals, placing approximately 80,000 residents near Colorado Springs at risk and prompting officials to shut down seven wells. Officials notified residents informing them of the contaminated waters.

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/06/15/colorado-widefield-fountain-security-water-chemicals-toxic-epa/>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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